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SUBJECT: UNEF SUPPORT

1. RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH ADMINISTRATION OF U.S. LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR UNEF AND UNDOF INDICATES THAT ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY COULD BE IMPROVED BY CERTAIN CHANGES IN PROCEDURE. FOR EXAMPLE, CLARITY AND SPEED OF COMMUNICATIONS ARE IMPAIRED WHEN SIMPLE TECHNICAL INQUIRIES INITIATED BY UN FIELD OPERATIONS SERVICE MUST PASS THROUGH THIRD PARTIES (E.G., USUN) ON THEIR WAY TO THE DOD EXECUTIVE AGENT RESPONSIBLE FOR UNEF SUPPORT. WHILE IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT BOTH POLITICAL AND MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS INDICATE NEED TO RETAIN USUN AND STATE DEPARTMENT IN LONG-ESTABLISHED FORMAL CHAIN FOR INITIAL REQUESTS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES, INTRODUCTION OF MORE DIRECT CHAIN FOR SIMPLE TECHNICAL INQUIRIES WOULD NOT APPEAR TO PRESENT SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON STATE DEPT, OSD, OR OJCS. IT IS ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT IT MIGHT BE WELL TO RETAIN THE PRESENT FORMAL STRUCTURE FOR MONITORING PURPOSES ON SUCH ACTIONS AS BILLING, UN REQUESTS FOR SHIPPING DATA, AND STATUS INQUIRIES ON GOODS AND SERVICES PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED BUT NOT YET DELIVERED.

2. THE PRINCIPLE OF AUTHORIZING THE UN TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH DOD

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ON SIMPLE TECHNICAL INQUIRIES HAS BEEN INFORMALLY COORDINATED

WITHIN USUN AND WITH STATE DEPARTMENT, UN FIELD OPERATIONS SERVICE, AND DOD EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR UNEF SUPPORT; ALL CONCUR IN THE CONCEPT. RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT FOLLOWING POLICY BE INITIATED AND UN BE SO ADVISED:

A. UN FIELD OPERATIONS SERVICE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO DESIGNATE SINGLE OFFICE OR, PREFEREABLY, SINGLE INDIVIDUAL TO MAKE TELEPHONIC INQUIRIES TO OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED BY DOD EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR UNEF SUPPORT.

B. SUCH AUTHORIZATION WILL BE LIMITED TO INQUIRIES OF A TECHNICAL NATURE PERTAINING TO:

(1) GOODS AND SERVICES ALREADY REQUESTED OF USG BY UN, AND APPROVED BY USG FOR EVENTUAL DELIVERY; E.G., COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT THAT IS'TT OPERATING CORRECTLY AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS ARE IN QUESTION.

(2) COST AND AVAILABILITY DATA ON GOODS AND SERVICES DESIRED BUT NOT YET FORMALLY REQUESTED BY UN.

C. AUTHORIZATION TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH DOD WILL NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

(1) INITIAL REQUESTS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES.

(2) BILLING ACTIONS OR PAYMENTS, OR QUERIES ON BILLING.

(3) REQUESTS FOR SHIPPING DATA ON ITEMS RELEASED FOR SHIPMENT.

(4) REQUESTS FOR STATUS OF GOODS OR SERVICES ALREADY REQUESTED BY UN BUT NOT YET RELEASED FOR DELIVERY.

3. IF RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 2, ABOVE, IS APPROVED, REQUEST USUN BE FURNISHED DESIGNATION OF DOD CONTACT WHOM UN WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO CONTACT IN MAKING SUCH INQUIRIES.
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